

Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

November 21, 2000

7:30 p.m.

Department of Environmental Protection

Members Present:

John Ray, Chair
Morris Altschuler
Robert Brown
Bernard Bordenick
Douglas Canter
Stanley Doore
Mary Fowler
Neal Goldenberg
Jeffrey Komarrow
Milton Minneman
Susan Mitchell
Frank Stodolsky
Charles Wilkes

Members Absent:

Edward Ohanian
Matthew Van Patten

Staff:

Ann Elsen
Mary Richmond

The chair, John Ray, called the November 21, 2000 EAQAC meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Department of Environmental Protection conference room at 255 Rockville Pike.

The October 24, 2000 Meeting Summary was approved with minor revisions.

The Committee decided to hold future EAQAC meetings in the DEP conference room, rather than the lobby level conference room of the EOB. A schedule of EAQAC meetings for 2001 was distributed.

Shahriar Amiri, Chief of the Division of Building Construction, Department of Permitting Services, gave a presentation on County compliance with EPACT (Energy Policy Act) requirements for energy efficiency in building codes and indoor air quality issues. Mr. Amiri has proposed an initiative to improve his division's review of construction plans for energy efficiency and air quality factors, and to provide for inspections. His initiative will require the creation of new core positions within his division.

EAQAC is in support of the goals of improving design review, improving the energy

efficiency of new construction and major renovations, and eliminating many indoor air quality problems during the design phase. EAQAC will draft a letter in support of Mr. Amiri's initiative and discuss the initiative during the meeting with the County Executive.

The annual meeting with the County Executive has been scheduled for January 11, 2001 at 8:30 p.m. EAQAC will be meeting in conjunction with the Water Quality Advisory Committee and the Noise Advisory Committee. EACH committee will be allotted fifteen minutes to present their annual report and recommendations. Due to time constraints, only the chair of each committee and one or two members should attend. EAQAC will prepare a brief written summary of accomplishments for the past year and goals for the coming year. EACH subcommittee chair will submit a report to John Ray by December 15, for inclusion in the annual report.

The chair adjourned the meeting of the full Committee at approximately 8:30 p.m. in order that subcommittees might meet to work on summaries for the annual report to the County Executive. Subcommittees then convened at various locations in the offices of the Department of Environmental Protection. All subcommittees adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2001 at the Department of Environmental Protection, 255 Rockville Pike, second floor.

Meeting summary provided by Ann Elsen.